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Designed to assist health sciences librarians in identifying and obtaining government publications in the areas of health and medicine, this annotated guide highlights significant publications and relevant processes. The following types of sources are detailed: guides; directories; statistics; indexes and abstracts/online service for general information, legislation, regulations, technical reports, statistics, health, and federal research in progress; and both legal and regulatory health legislation sources. A final section on acquisitions discusses depository libraries, the Government Printing Office, the National Technical Information Service, and commercial and free sources. (Author/EW)

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I. INFORMATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT

BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Legislative	Executive	Judiciary

SOURCES AND/OR PUBLISHERS

Congress	President	Federal courts
	Departments & Agencies	Supreme Court
	e.g. Health and Human Services	
	Independent Agencies	
	e.g. EPA	
	Advisory Bodies	
	e.g. Water Resources Council	

TYPES OF INFORMATION

Legislation	Regulations	Decisions
	Informative Publications	
	Statistics	
	Technical Reports & Standards	
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II. GUIDES

1. Government Publications and Their Use. Schmeckebier, Laurence Frederick and Eastin, Roy B. 2nd rev. ed. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Inst., 1969.

A very useful guide to many government publications. Helps access catalogs and indexes, bibliographies, Congressional publications, federal and state constitutions, federal and state laws, court decisions, administrative regulations and departmental rulings, presidential papers, foreign affairs, reports on operations, organization and personnel, maps, technical and departmental publications, and periodicals.

2. Introduction to United States Public Documents. Morehead, Joe. 3rd ed. Littleton, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited, Inc., 1983.

An extremely valuable guide, particularly for its contemporary emphasis. Discusses the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents classification scheme, depository system, general guides to federal publications, legislative branch materials, publications of the judiciary, independent and regulatory agency documents, and reports of advisory committees and commissions. Author, title/series, and subject indexes.

III. DIRECTORIES

A. General

1. Federal Yellow Pages. Washington, D.C., Monitor Publishing Co. Quarterly.

A comprehensive directory of the federal departments and agencies and more than 31,000 key individuals. Arranged organizationally and then by position titles within the federal agencies, each entry gives names, titles, locations, and telephone numbers. Index.

2. Congressional Yellow Pages. Washington, D.C., Monitor Publishing Co. Quarterly.

A comprehensive directory of members of congress, including their committees and key staff aides, telephone numbers. Approach by individuals or by committees.

3. Washington Information Directory. Washington, D.C., Congressional Quarterly Inc. 1975/76- . Annual.

Organized into 16 subject-oriented chapters. Under each subject is included relevant 1) departments and agencies of the federal government, 2) Congressional committees, and 3) non-governmental organizations, which include private, non-profit groups. Each entry gives name, address, telephone number, name and title of director or contact person, and a brief description of the work performed by the organization. Detailed index by subject and agencies/organizations. Excellent one-volume guide.

4. Official Congressional Directory for the Use of the U.S. Congress. U.S. Congress. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1809- . Irregular.

Contents include: 1) biographical information on members of Congress, 2) alphabetic list and addresses of members of Congress, 3) committee information and membership, 4) statistical information on votes cast for representatives and delegates, 5) departmental information and directory, 6) diplomatic directory, 7) press representatives and service, 8) maps of Congressional districts and 9) a personal name index.

5. United States Government Manual. U.S. Office of the Federal Register. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. Annual.

Provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches; quasi-official agencies, international organizations in which the United States participates, and boards, committees, and commissions. Typical entries give a list of principal officials, summary of the agency's purpose and role, brief history of the agency, including its legislative or executive authority, description of its programs and activities, and a "Sources of Information" section.

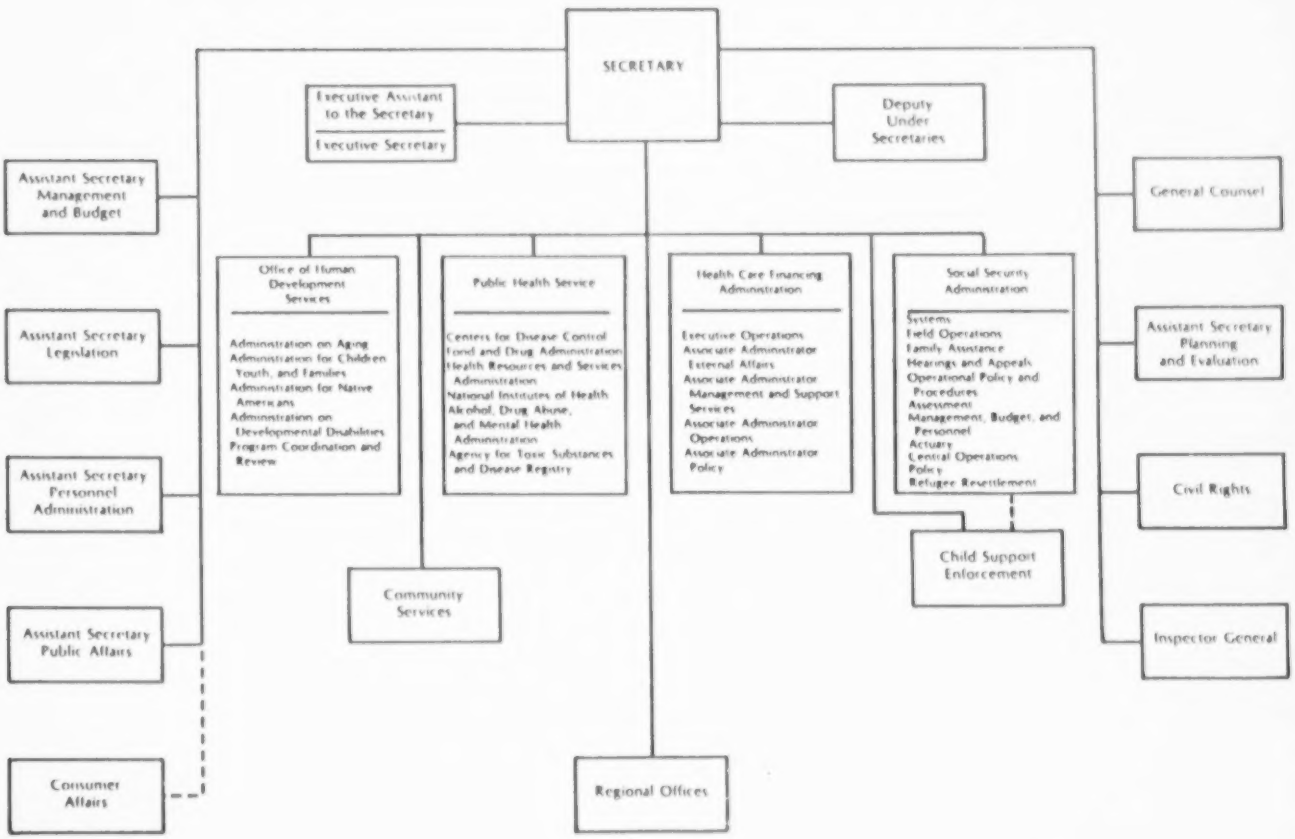
6. Directory of Government Documents Collections and Librarians. American Library Association. Government Documents Round Table. Bethesda,MD: Congressional Information Service. 1974- .

Includes 1) Guide to Libraries, Collections, and Staff, 2) Library Index, 3) Document Collections Index, 4) Special Collections Index, 5) Library School Instructors, Govt Docs., 6) State Document Authorities, 7) State Data Centers, 8) Library Staff Index, 9) Names to Know.

B. Health

1. Health and Human Services organizational structure

Health and Human Services Dept.



2. Key agencies:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201 Phone, 202-245-6296

Office of the Secretary. Inquiries to: the specified office, Department of Health and Human Services, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201. Inquiries about the location and telephone numbers of HHS offices should be directed to the HHS locator, Information Center, Lobby of Humphrey Building. Phone, 202-245-6296. Publications, including the HHS telephone directory, are available from the Superintendent of Documents.

Office of Human Development Services. Inquiries: Office of Human Development Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201. Public Information Office, Room 329F, Humphrey Bldg. Phone, 202-472-7257.

Public Health Service. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. Inquires to: the specified office, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. When possible, inquiries should be directed to the health agency listed below. All other inquiries about the Public Health Service should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, Room 725H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building. Phone, 202-245-6867.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. General inquiries: to the specific office at the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Publications: write to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Affairs. Phone, 301-443-3783.

Centers for Disease Control. General inquiries: to the CDC office desired at the Centers for Disease Control, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Atlanta, GA 30333. Information concerning availability of audiovisual materials can be obtained from the Office of Public Affairs. Phone, 404-329-3286. Single copies of most CDC publications are available free of charge from the Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC. Phone, 404-329-3534. Bulk quantities of publications may be purchased from the Superintentent ot Documents.

Health Resources and Services Administration. Inquiries: to the specific office, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Information concerning the availability of related audiovisual materials are available from the Office of Communications. Single copies of most Health Resources and Services publications are available free of charge. For a complete listing, request the catalog Current Publications of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 14-43. Bulk quantities of publications may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents. Certain technical publications may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service.

Food and Drug Administration. Inquires: to the desired office, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Health Care Financing Administration. Inquiries: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, 6325 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21207. Publications: Production and Distribution Branch, Division of General Services. Phone, 301-594-5514.

National Institutes of Health. Inquiries: to the NIH office desired at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. Films are available for loan from the National Library of Medicine, Collection Access Section, Bethesda, MD 20984. Films are available for purchase from the National Audiovisual Center (GSA), Washington, DC 20409. Publications are available from the Division of Public Information, Office of Communications, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892, phone, 301-496-4143; or the Government Printing Office.

Social Security Administration. Inquiries: to the specificed office, Social Security Administraiton, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. Requests for information, for copies of records, etc. may be made to any of SSA's local offices or the Headquarters Contact Unit, Room G-44, Altmeyer Building. Phone, 301-876-6450 (answering service). Publications: Publications Staff of SSA's Office of Research, Statistics, and International Policy, Room 1120, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009. Phone, 202-673-5579.

IV. STATISTICS

A. General

1. Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1878- . U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1879- . Annual.

A single-volume summary of statistics on social, political, and economic aspects of the United States. References to the original sources of the tables serve as a guide to further statistical information. Statistics included are generally limited to the United States, and cover a time span of approximately 15-20 years. Emphasis is on information of national scope, but there are tables by region and state. To locate statistics on a specific topic use the subject index in the back; to find statistics on a broad subject see the table of contents in the front of the book. Probably the first place to look for U.S. statistics.

2. County and City Data Book. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1952 - . (Irregular)

Intended as a supplement to Statistical Abstract, provides detailed statistical information on : 1) counties, 2) cities with 25,000 inhabitants or more, and 3) places of 2500 or more. Includes many relevant charts and appendixes. All data taken from the latest census figures.

3. State and Metropolitan Data Book. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1979- . (Irregular)

Also intended as a supplement to the Statistical Abstract, provides detailed statistical information on : 1) metropolitan areas, 2) central cities, and 3) states. Also includes some area rankings data, charts and appendixes.

4. Census of Population, Housing, Agriculture, Business, Construction Industries, Governments, Manufactures, Mineral Industries, Transportation, etc. U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The Bureau of the Census publishes more statistical information than any other federal agency. Of this information, the Census of Population and the Census of Housing are the most popular. Both are taken every 10 years, with monthly or quarterly, and annual sample surveys. The Census of Population gives statistics on the population, including social and economic characteristics. Current Population Reports contains the latest statistics on population characteristics, special studies, population estimates, farm population, and consumer income. The Census of Housing includes housing unit counts, housing characteristics, block statistics, and many other types of housing data, limited to Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The Annual Housing Survey provides an annual sample survey to update the decennial housing census. Other censuses, taken every 5 years with monthly or quarterly, and annual sample surveys, include Agriculture, Business, Construction Industries, Governments, Manufactures, Mineral Industries, and Transportation.

B. Health

1. Health: United States. National Center for Health Statistics. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975-76- . Annual.

An annual report on the health status of the nation submitted by the Secretary of HHS to the President and Congress of the United States. Consists of two sections: 1) an in-depth analysis of an important topic, which changes each year, and 2) detailed statistical tables organized around four major subject areas -- health status and determinants, utilization of health resources, health care resources, and health care expenditures. The detailed tables are designed to show continuing trends over a period of years. Two appendixes - description of data sources and a glossary.

2. Vital Statistics of the United States. National Center for Health Statistics, Washington, D.C., U.S. Government Printing Office, 1937- . vol.1: Natality; vol.2: Mortality; vol.3: Marriage and Divorce. Annual.

Although this series has a publication lag of several years, it is the final word on births and deaths and marriages and divorces in the United States. Surprisingly comprehensive in level of geographic detail, as well as indepth analysis of a wide variety of data. Detailed table of contents provide access, but no index. Appendix gives historical information, definitions.

3. Monthly Vital Statistics Report: Provisional Statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics.
Hyattsville, MD, National Center for Health Statistics. 1952- . Monthly.

Provides current, though provisional, data for the same reports covered in Vital Statistics of the United States. However, the data is generally based on samples and not as detailed as in the Vital Statistics.

4. Vital and Health Statistics Series. National Center for Health Statistics. Hyattsville, MD. 1963- .

Also known as the "Rainbow Series", consists of twelve irregularly issued subseries of data obtained through surveys and studies of the NCHS:

Series 1: Programs and Collection Procedures.
Series 2: Data Evaluation and Methods Research
Series 3: Analytical Studies
Series 4: Documents and Committee Reports
Series 10: Data from the National Health Interview Survey
Series 11: Data from the National Health Examination Survey and the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Series 12: Data from the Institutionalized Population Surveys.
Series 13: Data on Health Resources Utilization
Series 14: Data on Health Resources
Series 15: Data from Special Surveys
Series 20: Data on Mortality
Series 21: Data on Natality, Marriage, and Divorce
Series 22: Data from the National Mortality and Natality Surveys
Series 23: Data from the National Survey of Family Growth

V. INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS/ONLINE SERVICES

A. General

1. Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1895- . Cumulative index 1900-1971, and 5-year cumulations.

The Monthly Catalog is the most comprehensive index to publications issued by the U.S. Government, including Congressional, departmental and agency publications. With the 1974 volume, author and title indexes have been added to the previously offered subject index. Headings to check are specific country names and subjects. May be searched on the computer using the GPO Monthly Catalog database.

Online Service: GPO MONTHLY CATALOG. 1976 to date. Available through BRS (GPOM), DIALOG (66).

2. GPO Sales Publications Reference File (PRF). U.S. Government Printing Office. 1971- . Bi-monthly.

A microfiche catalog of publications sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. The PRF lists all publications currently for sale as well as forthcoming and recently out-of-stock items that were generated by the legislative and executive branches. Most publications were issued in the last 5 years. Use to identify specific publications to determine their availability, prices, and stock numbers, and to find out what the Government is publishing on a particular subject. May be searched on the computer.

Online Service: GPO PUBLICATIONS REFERENCE FILE. 1971 to date. Available through DIALOG (166).

B. Legislation

1. CIS U.S. Serial Set Index. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service, 1975- .

The Serial Set, also known as the Congressional Set, the "Sheep Set," or the "Serial Number Set" consist of reports and documents of the House and Senate of the U.S. Congress. Some of the reports and documents are only issued as part of the Serial Set, while others are originally published in unbound form. Reports of the House and Senate consists of 1) miscellaneous reports on public bills, and 2) special reports. Committee reports are included. Documents include presidential messages, vetoes, some reference works, House and Senate Manuals, and a large variety of reports from executive departments and independent bodies. Reports and documents are designated by Congress, session, and individual number. Serial numbers 01-038 have been assigned to the American State Papers, covering the first 14 Congresses, 1789-1817.

Produced in 12 parts, the CIS U.S. Serial Set Index provides a comprehensive index to the Serial Set and the American State Papers. Each part has a subject/keyword index, index of names of individuals and organizations, and a numerical listing and schedule of serial volumes.

2. CIS/Annual. Washington: Congressional Information Service. 1970 -. Monthly.

Monthly service, cumulated annually, covering in great detail the activity of the Legislative Branch of the U.S. Government. Part One provides abstracts of hearings, reports and laws. Part Two provides indexing for the service. Since documents are analyzed, CIS facilitates location of material contained within lengthy hearings or reports. Abstracts of laws give citations to their legislative histories. Index volume includes subject and personal names (legislators and people testifying). This service may be searched on the CIS database.

Online Service: CIS. 1970 to date. Searchable fields include witnesses, index terms, abstracts, and congressional committees. Available through BRS, SDC, and DIALOG (101).

3. CIS U.S. Congressional Committee Hearings Index. 1833-1969. Congressional Information Service.

Published in eight parts, this combined subject and witness index provides comprehensive access to congressional hearings published from the 1830s through 1969. Entries in the Index by Subjects and Organizations and the Index by Personal Names direct users to entries in the Reference Bibliography where full bibliographic information for publications may be found. Other indexes: bill numbers, titles, report and documents numbers and Superintendent of Documents Classification numbers.

4. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ABSTRACTS. Capital Services, Inc. 1981 to date.

Online Service: The Congressional Record is the official journal of the daily proceedings of the U.S. Congress, including Congressional speeches and debates, President's addresses, remarks and messages; executive orders, proclamations and letters; a record of votes on legislation; public laws and inserted materials. This database provides access to the abstracts covering each issue of the Congressional Record. Searchable fields include descriptor codes for eulogies, floor debate, roll call votes, etc. Available through DIALOG (135).

C. Regulations

1. CIS Federal Register Index. Congressional Information Service, Inc. 1984- . Weekly plus cumulations.

Indexes the proposed and final texts of rules and regulations and notices and orders issued by executive departments and independent agencies that are published in the daily Federal Register. Index has four sections: 1) Index by Subjects and Names 2) Calendar of Effective Dates and Comment Deadlines 3) Index by CFR Section Numbers and 4) Index by Agency Docket Numbers. Each entry gives issuing agency, type of document, and Federal Register page number.

2. FEDERAL REGISTER ABSTRACTS. Capitol Services, Inc. 1977 to date.

Provides access to the activities of federal executive agencies as printed in the daily Federal Register. Also includes references to the sections of the Code of Federal Regulations that are affected. Searchable document types include rules, proposed regulations, presidential proclamations and orders, notices, meetings, hearings, executive orders, public laws, etc. Available through DIALOG (136).

D. Technical Reports

1. Government Reports Announcements and Index. U.S. National Technical Information Service. v.1-, 1946- semimonthly. Title varies.

"The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) is the central source for the public sale of Government-sponsored research and development reports and other Government analyses prepared by Federal agencies, their contractors and grantees". (Introduction) Abstracts of the reports are included and several indexing approaches make it possible to locate research projects in the pure sciences and the social sciences. May be searched on the computer using the NTIS database.

Online Service: NTIS (National Technical Information Service). 1964 to date. Available through BRS, DIALOG (6) and SDC (varying starting years).

E. Statistics

1. American Statistics Index. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service. 1973- .

Published in two parts: ASI/Index and ASI/Abstracts. ASI/Index provides access to statistical information the U.S. government publishes either periodically, irregularly, or as monographs, including access to over 800 government periodicals. Indexes are by 1) subjects and names , 2) categories, which include references to publications, tables, etc. that

contain statistical data with geographic breakdowns (city, country, income, industry, occupation, etc.), demographic breakdown (age, disease, race, sex, etc.) 3) titles, and 4) agency report numbers. ASI/Index refers to ASI/Abstracts which provides the full bibliographic citation of the document and a brief abstract. Covers social, economic, medical, health, and demographic data, some scientific and technical data, and much more. American Statistics Index may be searched by computer.

Online Service: AMERICAN STATISTICS INDEX. 1973 to date.
Searchable fields include the geographic and demographic categories. Available through DIALOG (102).

F. Health

1. MEDOC: a Computerized Index to U.S. Documents in the Medical and Health Sciences. Salt Lake City, UT, Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah. 1974 - . Quarterly.

A computerized index to the documents of relevance to medicine and health, this publication is based on the holdings of the Eccles Health Sciences Library. Use it to locate relevant documents on a topic as well as an acquisition tool. Arranged into four indexes: 1) Superintendent of Documents number. This is the main index, giving full bibliographic information for each citation, including title, agency, year, pagination, price, etc. The other indexes refer back to this section. 2) title, 3) subject (using NLM's MeSH), and 4) series number.

G. Current Research/Grants

Online Service: FEDERAL RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (formerly SSIE). National Technical Information Service. Current.

Provides access to information on federally sponsored ongoing research. Covers research in the physical, engineering, and life sciences, contributed by the USDA, NASA, National Bureau of Standards, USGS, NIH, NIOSH, the VA and the Transportation Research Board. Each record includes project description, title, start date, principal investigator, sponsoring and performing organizations, summary, and project report. Online service: DIALOG.

VI. HEALTH LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

A. Legislation

1. Typical Legislative Process and the Publications Produced

HOUSE	SENATE
Representative(s) introduce BILL (legislation).	(Procedure may also originate in the Senate.)
The BILL is assigned to a Committee	
Committee holds a HEARING (information gathering).	
Committee issues a REPORT (summary of findings).	
House DEBATES and votes as a whole on the bill.	
The bill is then sent to the Senate	
The process is repeated in the Senate or vice versa.	
If necessary, a Conference Committee is established to resolve House and Senate differences on the legislation. Another REPORT is issued. The compromise bill is voted on and, if passed, is sent to the President.	
The President may then sign the BILL into PUBLIC LAW.	

2. How Our Laws are Made. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1972, 63 p. (92nd Congress, 2nd session. House of Representatives. Document no. 92-323)

3. United States Statutes at Large. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1875- .

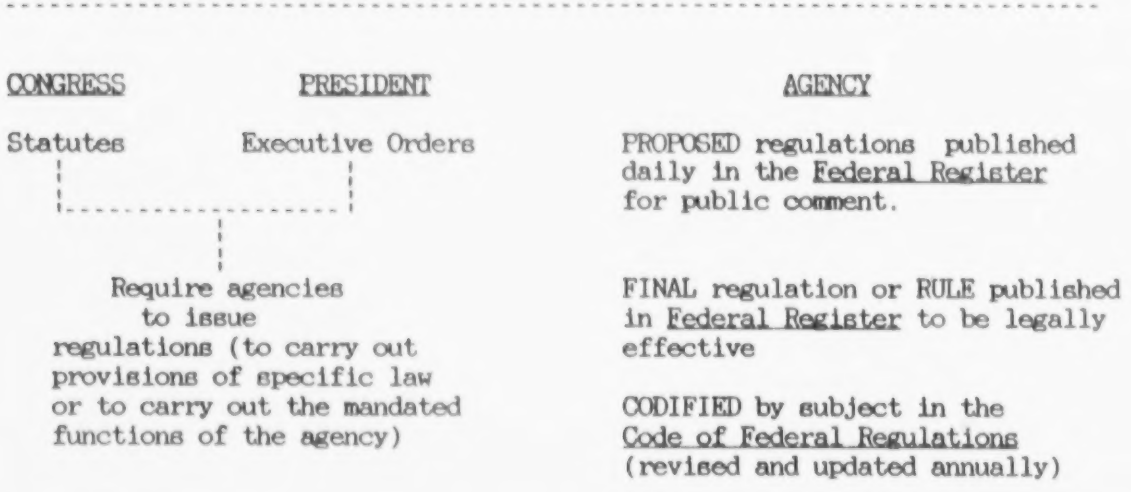
Consists of the chronological, sessional arrangement of public and private laws, reorganization plans and proclamations. Laws include the bill number and date of enactment into law, separate legislative history table for reference to bill, reports and dates included. Subject and personal name index. Published each calendar year.

4. United States Code. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. Most recent edition and annual supplement.

Cited as USC. The consolidation and codification of all general and permanent statutes in force at the time of publication, arranged under 50 titles. New editions are published every 6 years, updated by annual supplements. Popular names and general subject index.

B. Regulations

1. Typical Regulatory Process


CONGRESS
PRESIDENT
AGENCY
Statutes
Executive Orders
PROPOSED regulations published daily in the Federal Register for public comment.
Require agencies to issue regulations (to carry out provisions of specific law or to carry out the mandated functions of the agency)
FINAL regulation or RULE published in Federal Register to be legally effective
CODIFIED by subject in the Code of Federal Regulations (revised and updated annually)

2. The Federal Register: What it is and How to Use it. (latest edition). U.S. Office of the Federal Register. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. (GP 4.6/2: F3/yr.)

3. Federal Register. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1936- . Daily, except Sun., Mon., and date following a legal holiday.

Consists mainly of the rules and regulations of departments and agencies of the executive branch, but also includes executive orders and proclamations, letters and other presidential documents. Monthly, quarterly, and annual index. Daily issues of the Federal Register are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), see next entry.

4. Code of Federal Regulations. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. Revised yearly.

Cited as CFR, this is a codification of the Federal Register, representing administrative law of the federal government. Divided into 50 titles, revised yearly. The CFR Index and Finding Aids volume is largely organized by agency, with some broad subject headings being included.

VII. ACQUISITIONS

A. **Depository Libraries.** The Depository Library Program, established by Congress, provides the general public free access to publications of the U.S. Government. More than 1370 libraries throughout the United States have been designated as depositories of Government publications, receiving books, journals, posters, and maps published by the Federal Government. In return, these libraries provide free access to their Depository collections, including reference service and interlibrary loan. See A Directory of U.S. Government Depository Libraries, Joint Committee Print 99-106, to locate the depository nearest you. Further explanatory material of interest: 1) An Explanation of the Superintendent of Documents Classification System, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office and 2) Instructions for Depository Libraries. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office.

B. **GPO and Superintendent of Documents.** The most direct and common means of obtaining government publications. One can write directly to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or call the order/information desk (202) 783-3238. Documents are also sold by GPO bookstores located through the United States. The closest bookstore to N.H. and VT is located in Boston: Superintendent of Documents, G25, JFK Federal Bldg, Government Center, Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-2488. The GPO Sales Publication Reference File can be used to obtain prices, order numbers, and availability of desired publications. GPO will handle standing orders as well as subscriptions, and will accept payment by charge card, check, or deposit accounts.

C. **NTIS.** Sells publications resulting from U.S. and foreign sponsored research, particularly technical reports translations, and information on research in progress. Publications may be ordered in microfiche or paper format. Charges vary with the length of the report and the chosen format. Government Reports Announcements and the NTIS database give ordering information. Rush orders: (703) 487-4700 or (800) 336-4700. General information and new orders: (703) 487-4650. Address: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Deposit accounts may be established. NTIS publications on microfiche may be obtained from other sources, such as Worcester Polytechnic, through ILL ($1.00/fiche), at considerably less.

D. **Commercial vendors.** Dealers such as Bernan Associates and C & W Associates deal exclusively with government publications. Other vendors, such as Baker & Taylor, or J A Majors, offer some limited assistance.

E. **Free sources.** Federal agencies, congressmen, and congressional committees, are still excellent sources of free government publications. A limited number of copies are frequently available at no charge upon request, particularly for recent publications. Use the Monthly Catalog or directories listed earlier for phone numbers and addresses. We have had excellent and speedy results with this method of acquisition.